Setting up of Industries in Kerala

2148. SHRI E. BALANANDAN:
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the industries to be set up in Kerala during the Eighth Plan period in the Central sector; and

(b) what will be the estimated cost thereof and the expected job opportunities in each of the proposed project?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) The Eighth Five Year Plan has not been finalised. Proposals from various sectors have been invited by the Planning Commission.

Research about Genetic Disorders

2149. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that certain researchers in USA have identified a gene which cause grotesque tumors, crippling and learning defects;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof

(c) whether this discovery is considered a vital step in the field of genetic disorder;

(d) whether Government propose to have these research studies in the country; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) and (b) Francis collins and Raymond White (University of Michigan) have identified the gene of the puzzling disease neurofibromatosis (NF) which causes tumours all over the body and learning disabilities.

Two-thirds of NF patients can lead normal lives apart from discremination encountered because of their appearance, the other third have major problems like malignant tumours and seizures and sometimes severe disfigurement (Science July 20, 1990 Vol. 249).

(c) It is postulated that changes in these embedded genes may held clues to the variability of NF.

(d) and (e) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to undertake research studies in this field at present.

Reduction in the allocation of Kerosene

2150. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reduced the allocation of kerosene during the quarters July-September, 1990 to many States;

(b) if so, what is the quarterly allocation of kerosene made to different States during 1989 and 1990; and

(c) what are the reasons for reducing the quota?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (c) There has been no reduction in the allocation of kerosene to States and Union Territories for the Monsoon Block (July to October 1990). However due to severe constraint of foreign exchange resources, incremental allocation of kerosene has been reduced for the Monsoon Block (July to October, 1990) by agreeing to